# Nomination Form

Recognizing Excellence in Volunteerism and Community Service in Illinois



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#### Dear Citizens of Illinois:

For millions of Americans, volunteering is a key to healthy, fulfilling and meaningful lives. Volunteering renews our connection to our community and helps build self worth and social responsibility in citizens throughout this state and across the nation. With more than 122 million adults and teens volunteering yearly, contributing about 23 billion hours a year, volunteers are truly one of our greatest resources.

Volunteering and giving back to our communities should not go unnoticed. To honor citizens in Illinois who spend countless hours volunteering, I would like to announce the Illinois Points of Light Award. This award will be given to twelve individual volunteers across the state each year. It will be administered by the Illinois Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service.

Let's work to recognize these very dedicated unsung heroes. Please use the enclosed form to nominate deserving volunteers. There is no deadline for submission, so nominations can be received at any time throughout the year.

This is a great opportunity to recognize and reward those who have given so much to our communities. They are the thoughtful, committed citizens who continue to help change our world - one activity at a time. Let's honor them together.

Sincerely,

Rod R. Blagojevich Governor



### **Nomination Form**

# NOMINEE Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ -Address of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth\_\_\_/\_\_/\_\_ Organization Where Service is Performed \_\_\_\_\_ Length of Time Service Performed \_\_\_\_\_ Organization Contact Person\_\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ Organization's Purpose\_\_\_\_ Organization's Address \_\_\_\_\_ REFERENCES Must be persons familiar with the nominee's service. A reference is deemed insufficient if it is from a member of the nominee's immediate family - spouse, significant other, mother, father, sister, brother or child. Reference #1\_\_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ Reference #2\_\_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ I hereby acknowledge that the information contained in this nomination is an accurate representation of the service performed by the nominee. Nominator's Name (Please print)\_\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ -Nominator's Full Address\_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Signature\_\_\_\_\_

ACTIVITY
Briefly describe the nominee's exemplary service.
A C C O M P L I S H M E N T
What were the benefits of the nominee's efforts?
EFFECT
Every volunteer is worthy of recognition. What makes the accomplishments of this nominee more significant than all others?
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## MAIL ENTRIES TO:

Illinois Points of Light Award Illinois Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service 623 E. Adams St., 1st Fl. Springfield, IL 62794 QUESTIONS? Contact us at (217) 558-2663 (voice) or (217) 558-6247 (TTY) or visit the Governor's web site at www.state.il.us/gov
Nomination materials available in alternative formats.



We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give. Winston Churchill

# **VOLUNTEERS RECOGNIZED**

The Illinois Points of Light Award is presented to Illinois residents who demonstrate exemplary volunteer service to the community. The Governor's Illinois Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service (ICVCS) is administering the awards program.

#### SUBMITTING NOMINATIONS

There is no deadline for submissions, so nominations may be submitted any time during the year.

Additional nomination forms can be obtained by contacting the Illinois Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service (ICVCS) at (217) 558-2663 (voice) or (217) 558-6247 (TTY); 623 E. Adams St., 1st Fl., Springfield, IL 62794.

# Electronic nomination forms are available in the Office Matters section of the Governor's web site at: www.state.il.us/gov

This information is available in alternative formats for individuals with disabilities.

Completed forms should be mailed to the address listed on the nomination form or faxed to ICVCS at (217) 558-2678.

**NOTE:** It is important that all questions on the nomination form are answered completely, so that judges have a clear understanding of the accomplishment.

# **JUDGES**

A panel of judges, comprised of leaders in the area of volunteerism and community service will evaluate incoming nominations on a quarterly basis and make recommendations to the Governor.

**NOTE:** Evaluation is based ONLY on the contents of the nomination form. Attachments to the nomination form will not be forwarded to judges.

#### AWARD NOTIFICATION

Award recipients will be notified by the Illinois Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service.

A press release will be issued each quarter to announce the award recipient. Each year, all recipients will be honored at a special event.



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